

DECISION RECORD AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
KOLMAKOF MINE WASTE REMOVAL

I. Decision:

It is my decision to select the Proposed Action and remove hazardous materials from the Kolmakof Mine site, Section 6, T. 17 N., R. 53 W., Seward Meridian near the town site of Aniak, Alaska. This Decision includes the mitigation measures adopted as stipulations (see attached).

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The No Action Alternative will result in hazardous and chemical wastes remaining on-site. Containers will continue to deteriorate and ultimately will result in a release.

The Proposed Action removes contaminants from the environment, protecting surface and ground water resources from potential contamination. The lands are within the boundary of the Alaska Southwest Planning Area Management Framework Plan (MFP), dated November 25, 1981.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

This site is located on lands validly selected by the Kuskokwim Corporation, an Alaskan Native Village Corporation, therefore is not Federal Public Land as defined in Section 102 (3) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. It is also not subject to the Federal Subsistence Board or subsequent Federal Subsistence regulations. The Proposed Action will not significantly restrict subsistence uses, decrease the abundance of subsistence resources, alter the distribution of subsistence resources, or limit subsistence user access from currently existing conditions.

/s/ Peter J. Ditton, Acting
Anchorage Field Manager

06-09-00
Date

STIPULATIONS

1. The helicopter landing zone will be a minimum of ½ mile from any active raptor nest.
2. Flight paths must be routed so they do not pass over active nests.
3. The flight path to the village should not follow the river corridor. It must be routed at least a ½ mile away from the river corridor to avoid disturbing raptor nests, especially in areas of the river where cliffs and bluffs are present.
4. Work will not commence before June 1st if an active nest is present and a ½ mile distance cannot be maintained. This distance is necessary for the clutch of eggs to be hatched and to reduce the risk of nest abandonment.